

GERMANS ARE DRIVEN BACK IN DISORDER NOW

KAISER'S ARMY LOSES HEAVILY

Vigorous Counter Attack at Night by the Germans is Repulsed by French.

ACTIVE ON VERDUN FRONT

French Have More Successes at Various Points in Resumption of Somme Battle.

PARIS, July 21.—Positions captured Thursday by the French south of the Somme were subjected to a vigorous counter attack during the night. The Germans charged the French line south of Soyecourt, the war office announced Friday, but suffered heavy losses and were driven back in disorder.

A strong German detachment, which advanced to the attack in the Chaumes region, was repulsed with the bayonet.

Trench is Cleared.

Between the Soissons and Rheims the trench was cleared of its defenders. On the Verdun front the artillery was active on both sides in the vicinity of Chattancourt and Fleury. French aeroplanes successfully bombed German stations at Condans, Mars-la-Tour, Longon and Brécourt.

Somme Battle Resumed.

The resumption of the battle of the Somme in the French sector has greatly enhanced the general confidence in the situation.

The protracted halt of operations on more than a minor scale was beginning to make the public fear that the first results have no morrow and that as in the case of the Champagne offensive a year ago, there might be a reversion to the old trench warfare.

Thursday's bulletin effectively removed this impression.

Fine Piece of Work.

A particularly fine piece of work from the French point of view was accomplished in the new sector attacked south of the river.

East of the old French front which ran from the east of Herbeville to half way between that village and the Fossecourt-Vermaindovillers road, the Germans had constructed by months of patient toil an underground fortification on the slopes of a hill. There were ninety trenches on the hill very deep with two series of underground shelters in which the soldiers lay snug during the hottest bombardment.

Stouter Resistance.

The Germans here and in the Boileux and Soyecourt regions, where their positions formed an inextricable maze of trenches, offered a stouter resistance than elsewhere on the long line of attack. But the French troops carefully prepared for their work and skillfully led, not only won everywhere but held onto their gains and were preparing Thursday night to still further extend them.

It now develops that Thursday's effort was due several days ago but that the artillery preparations were delayed by heavy weather. The French commanders report that the preliminary bombardment was so effective that the losses of the attack were comparatively light. Contrary to expectations the Germans have made no attempt to follow up the smashing blow delivered against the northern Verdun defenses a week ago. The French counter attacks, according to the official statement, are generally winning back the ground gained by the Germans at heavy cost in the vicinity of Thiaumont and Fleury. This inactivity on the part of the crowd prince is interpreted by French military opinion as evidence that the Germans are finding increasing difficulty in concentrating troops at any one point on the front. The French officers say that each fresh assault on Verdun is requiring longer and longer time to prepare. They claim that the Germans took no

SPECIAL VOTE OFFER IS MADE IN CONTEST

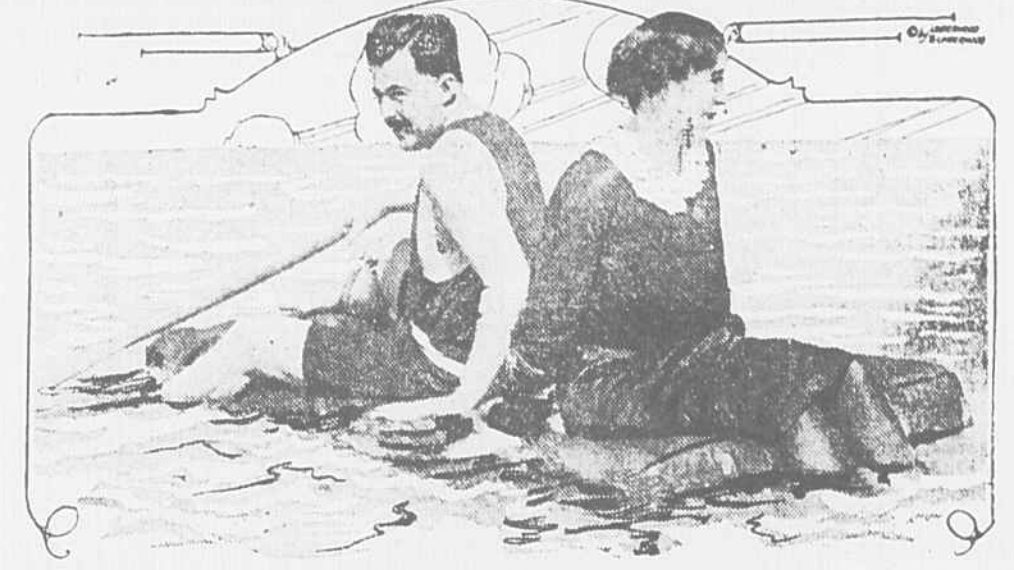
In Addition to the Diamond Ring If Votes Are Turned in This Week.

Did you ever wish you owned a real diamond? One that you could show your friends and not be ashamed of. If so, here is your chance to earn one and get it absolutely free. There are no strings attached to it either. The member who turns in the most business during this week closing tomorrow night at 9 o'clock will be awarded this beautiful \$125 diamond ring at the close of the campaign. The winner of the ring will be determined by the same judges that will award the prizes on July 29. See the ring on display in the window of F. A. Robinson and Son, on street.

Go out after business this week with a vim and tell your friends about the special diamond ring offer and explain to them that you have two chances this week to win a prize and that one prize will help you to win another. All the business that you get while working for the ring will count on the \$1.145 Overland which you can win if you get the right sort of business.

Don't let anyone tell you that you will receive more votes next week than

M'LEAN AND WIFE FORGET BIG LAWSUIT TO BREAK HIS FATHER'S WILL AND ENJOY THEMSELVES IN THE WATER



Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. McLean on a summer cruise.

Edward Beale McLean, son of the multi-millionaire, John R. McLean, whose death occurred recently, has commenced suit to break his father's will, but he doesn't let legal tangles interfere with his pleasures, as the picture shows. If he succeeds in breaking the will, he will get his father's \$20,000,000. If he does not succeed, he will have to get along on the income of this fortune, which amounts to more than \$1,000,000 annually.

GOLD

Shipment Negotiations Are Given as the Cause of the Deutschland's Delay.

BALTIMORE, July 21.—Negotiations now said to be pending between the Eastern Forwarding Company and "one of the largest American banking institutions" for a big consignment of gold to be sent back to Germany on the submarine merchantman Deutschland were given as the cause of the delay in the undersea liner's departure from Baltimore, according to an official of the submarine's American agents Friday.

CLARKSBURG CHOSEN

For Democratic Headquarters of the Third Congressional District.

Clarksburg was chosen for the district headquarters, plans for the campaign were laid and officers were chosen by the Democratic executive committee of the Third congressional district here late Thursday afternoon. J. Horner Davis, of Clarksburg, was chosen chairman; Thomas I. Cummings, of Weston, secretary; and A. N. Breckinridge, of Summersville, treasurer.

TO DISREGARD

Principles of The Hague Convention as to Turkish Hospital Ships.

LONDON, July 21.—A Reuter Petrograd despatch says that the Russian minister of foreign affairs has informed the Turkish government, through the ambassadors of the United States and Spain, that Russia will henceforth disregard the principles of The Hague convention as far as Turkish hospital ships are concerned.

HUGHES INNOCENT.

OTTAWA, July 21.—Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, is held by the Meredith-Duff royal commission, innocent of responsibility for the negotiations for government fuse contracts with American munition manufacturers from which they were alleged to unduly profit.

MESSAGES SENT.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Personal messages were sent by President Wilson Friday to European rulers urging their co-operation in getting food supplies from the United States to the starving people of Poland.

AUSTRIANS HAVE DIFFICULTY IN MOVING PRISONERS OVER ALPS



Austrians transporting Italian prisoners over crest of Tyrol Alps.

It is with great difficulty that the Italian troops, captives of the Austrians, are transported over the Alps. Just at this time of the year when the heavy snow on the Alps begins to melt, the danger is increased many fold. One misstep and a man may go cascading down the side of the mountain.

NAVAL BILL NOW AT LAST STAGE

SCARLET FEVER AMONG MARINES

Stationed in Pekin and Reports Are That Extra Men Have Been Sent to China.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)
PEKING, July 21.—Scarlet fever broke out among the two hundred American marines stationed in Peking as a guard at the American legation. In an effort to prevent the spread of the disease, Colonel Neville, commandant of the guard, ordered the men to move out of the barracks and placed them under canvas, with only two men in each tent. The tents were pitched on the recreation ground adjoining the legation compound and outside the compound wall, where all Chinese could see them plainly.

Immediately a rumor was circulated that the American legation had brought extra troops from the Philippines to protect foreigners against possible rioting which might result from the unsettled political conditions and the financial stringency brought about by the moratorium. This rumor grew, and added to it was a report that the Japanese were also to bring in thousands of troops from Tsingtau and Japan for the protection of foreigners.

These reports became so insistent that the Chinese government issued a formal denial, explaining the reason for the tented colony outside the American legation compound.

Only five of the American marines have the scarlet fever. These are quarantined in a gun-shed on the city wall adjoining the legation.

PLAGUE

Kills Thirty-two More Children and Eighty New Cases Are Reported.

NEW YORK, July 21.—A further decrease in the number of new cases and a slight increase in the number of deaths was shown Friday in the health department's bulletin on the epidemic of infantile paralysis. During the last twenty-four hours thirty-two children died of the disease and eighty new cases were reported in the greater city. This compares favorably with Thursday's report which showed fatalities numbering thirty-one and new cases 119. Since the beginning of the plague on June 26 there have been 2,626 cases and 519 deaths.

W. J. Holden, of Parkersburg, is in the city on a business mission. T. E. Watson, of Folsom, is here on a brief visit.

CARNEY'S FUNERAL AT SALEM TONIGHT

BIG GAS LINE

Is to Be Laid from Boone County to Either Salem or Clarksburg.

One of the most important projects of the year in the gas development of West Virginia is the report, not confirmed, that the Columbia Gas and Electric Company will soon construct a forty mile line between the Boone county gas producing fields and either Salem or Clarksburg connecting with the lines of the Hope Natural Gas Company.

The proposed new line will be built of pipe twenty inches in diameter, it is said.

WOODMEN

Will Go into Annual Camp at Parkersburg the Week of August 14.

Alex Foreman, of Morgantown, state manager of the Woodmen of the World, has been in Parkersburg making arrangements for the encampment of the uniform branch of the order in the state which will be held there.

From indications now there will be from eight to ten companies in camp there, among which will be those from Fairmont, Clarksburg, Morgantown, Huntington and Parkersburg, and others which have not been indefinitely learned as yet. The Fairmont company is expected to take a drum corps of eighteen members.

FINGERS CUT BY FAN.

William E. Starcher has two fingers of his left hand in bandages as the result of having their tips nearly cut off when he accidentally ran them into a revolving electric fan.

Vote is Delayed by a Renewal of the Controversy between Senators Reed and Oliver.

REED IS CHALLENGED

Senator Penrose Succeeds in Getting Steel Company's Statement Published.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The naval bill reached its last state toward passage in the Senate Friday with opponents of the large building program ready with a fire of amendments for reduction. Democratic senators, however, were confident the administration program would prevail.

The vote was delayed by a renewal of the controversy between Senator Reed, of Missouri, and Senator Oliver, of Pennsylvania. Senator Penrose, during Mr. Reed's absence from the Senate, got the unanimous consent of the Senate to print as a public document the Bethlehem Steel Company's published arguments against a government armor plate plant. When Senator Reed returned and learned of it he denounced the action as a "shameless proposition and an outrage" and declared the company's statements were false. Senator Oliver challenged Mr. Reed to show the statement he referred to.

"The senator from Pennsylvania," Senator Reed replied, "had the cool assurance after admitting that he owned steel stock to stand up here and attempt to vote money into his own pocket by supporting a bill which would help the Bethlehem Steel Company. If the senator were a judge he would not be permitted to vote on this issue."

Senator Oliver denounced the statement asserting that Senator Reed was attempting to avoid his challenge.

HEAVY IMMIGRATION.

MELENA, Mont., July 21.—Heavy immigration of Roumanians from Montana was reported here Friday. When asked whether Roumanians had summoned their reserves the men would not discuss the matter.

STEAMER AGROUND.

PUT IN HAY, O., July 21.—The passenger steamer Frank E. Kirby, operating between Detroit and Put in Bay, ran aground on Ballas Reef here with several hundred passengers on board Friday. The ship is out two feet and will need assistance. The revenue cutter Merrell has gone to the scene.

BOXING BOUT CANCELLED.

The boxing bout which was scheduled to be held at Norwood park Saturday night between Brooks Banks, of this city, and Jack Farren, of Sistersville, has been cancelled by orders from Prosecuting Attorney A. Judson Findley, who claims that residents of Norwood asked him to prohibit boxing at the park.